

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A communications device for transmitting acoustic signals in a motor vehicle, comprising at least two transmitting devices and at least two receiving devices for transmitting and emitting acoustic signals, where, in each instance, at least one transmitting and one receiving device is assigned to a spatial position, and comprising a control unit for activating or deactivating at least the transmitting devices, wherein the control unit (2) is assigned at least one control element (3), by which at least one transmitting device may be selectively deactivated independently of the applied signal level, and/or by which the signal levels of at least one transmitting device are weighted.
2. The communications device as recited in Claim 1, wherein, with the aid of the control unit (2), the signal levels at the transmitting means are detectable and, in each instance, only the transmitting device having the highest signal level is activated.
3. The communications device as recited in Claim 1 or 2, wherein at least one receiving device may be deactivated by the control element (3) independently of the signal levels.
4. The communications device as recited in one of Claims 1 through 3, wherein the transmitting devices take the form of microphones (11-14) and/or a microphone array.
5. The communications device as recited in one of Claims 1 through 4, wherein the receiving devices take the form of loudspeakers (7-10).
6. The communications device as recited in one of Claims 2 through 5, wherein, in each instance, the assigned receiving device of the active transmitting device may be deactivated by the control unit (2), or the level of the assigned receiving

device of the active transmitting device may be reduced by the control unit.

7. The communications device as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein time-delay elements for compensating for the differences in propagation time are situated between the transmitting devices and the receiving devices.

8. The communications device as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein echo compensators are situated between the transmitting and the receiving devices.

9. The communications device as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein attenuation devices are situated between the transmitting and receiving devices.

10. The communications device as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein the control element (3) takes the form of a nonlocking key, switch, and/or rotary/pressure transducer.

11. The communications device as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein the position of the transmitting and receiving devices is displayable on a multifunction operating unit, the control element (3) being assigned to the multifunction operating unit.